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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: PINS, RH

SUBJ: ZANU PUBLISHES CAPTIVE' S LETTER

1. ZANU LUSAKA OFFICE HAS RELEASED LETTER ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN TO ZANU PRESIDENT NDABANINGI SITHOLE BY GERALD HAWKESWORTH, RHODESIAN LAND INSPECTOR CAPTURED BY ZANU GUERRILLAS IN JANUARY IN MOUNT DARWIN DISTRICT. WRITING FROM AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION, HAWKESWORTH SAID HE IS BRITISH SUBJECT WHO CAME TO RHODESIA IN JANUARY 1971. FOLLOWING HIS CAPTURE ON JANUARY 8, HAWKESWORTH SAID HE " WAS TREATED VERY FAIRLY AND AM BEING KEPT WELL NOW." WROTE HE HAD SEEN THAT FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE " NOT JUST TERRORISTS KILLING ALL WHITE MEN" BUT PEOPLE FIGHTING FOR THEIR RIGHTS AND THEIR COUNTRY' S INDEPENDENCE. LETTER NOTED MORALE OF ZANU FORCES AND STANDARD OF DISCIPLINE IS " OUTSTANDING." EXPRESSING THANKS FOR HIS TREATMENT, HAWKESWORTH APPEALED FOR HIS RELEASE AND PERMISSION " TO WORK IN SOME CAPACITY FOR THE PARTY." HE
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SAID HE HOPED SMITH " REGIME WILL SEE SENSE AND THAT VERY SOON
WE WILL SEE A FREE ZIMBABWE AND AT THAT TIME WITH YOUR
PERMISSION I WOULD LIKE TO RETURN AND LIVE THERE."

2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS HAWKESWORTH ALIVE AND HELD BY ZANU.
LETTER THEREFORE MAY BE GENUINE. LOCAL PRESS MARCH 15
FEATURED LETTER PROMINENTLY. DAILY MAIL PRINTED PHOTO OF
HAWKESWORTH AND HIS ALLEGED SIGNATURE TO LETTER. RELEASE OF
LETTER OBVIOUSLY TIMED FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT AS IT OCCURRED
ON OPENING DAY OF OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE SPONSORED UNITY
TALKS BETWEEN ZAPU AND ZANU HERE. SHORT OF PRODUCING HAWKESWORTH
IN PERSON, ZANU COULD NOT HAVE PUBLICIZED ITS RECENT ACTIVITIES
IN RHODESIA BETTER. AT SAME TIME, BY IMPLICATION ZAPU MADE
TO LOOK LIKE WEAK SISTER IN STRUGGLE.
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